

*[English]*SHRIMATI DIPIKA H.
TOPIWALA:**Study of Balco Captive Power Plant by
the N.T.P.C.**

3176. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
Will the Minister of POWER AND
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY
SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study experiments
conducted by the National Thermal Power
Corporation at Balco Captive Power Plant at
Korba, near Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh
has yielded encouraging results; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY
SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) Experiments on the growth of the
water Hyacinth in the ash pond has been
found to result in reduction in pollution level
of the effluent water due to fibrous roots of
the plant acting as a filtering medium for the
suspended particles in the effluent water.
Experiments have shown reduction of sus-
pended particles, in some cases upto
40-50% in the discharged water. Other
indirect benefits have been seen as higher
rate of water evaporation and creation of
cool, humid and oxygen rich environment
around the ash pond, with possibility of bet-
ter afforestation in the pond, after it is aban-
doned.

**Lower rates for Small Scale Units for
T.V. Advertisements**

3177. SHRI CHETAN P.S.
CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed
to charge lower rates for advertisement on
television from small scale units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is
likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRJAVYAS):
(a) to (c). As per the Government's policy,
small scale industries are given the benefit of
15% discount in the advertisement rates if
they book their advertisements directly with
Doordarshan and not through advertising
agencies. It is also Doordarshan's policy to
give preferential bookings in favour of small
scale industries.

*[Translation]***Modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant**

3178. SHRI BUDY KRISHNA HAN-
DIQUE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Government have final-
ised any Plan to modernise the Bokaro Steel
Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH
MOHAN DEB): (a) to (c). While the Govern-
ment has already accorded approval in prin-
ciple to the modernisation of Bokaro Steel

Plant, SAIL has proposed to implement the scheme in two phases. The proposal on the first phase which aims primarily at introducing continuous steel casting technology and facilities was considered in the Pre-PIB Meeting held on 12.7.91. In view of the changed politico-economic-commercial scenario in the erstwhile USSR, the proposal is being reviewed by SAIL. Government would take a view in this matter soon after receipt of SAIL's report.

Power Projects of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

3179. SHRI RAMKRISHANA KUSMARIA:

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATH-
ERIA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the power projects to be set up in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Details are given below:-

S. No.	Name of Project	District	Sector	Capacity (M/W)
Uttar Pradesh				
1.	Sobla H.E. Project Units 1 & 2	Pittoragarh	State	6
2.	Tanda Thermal Project Unit 4	Faizabad	State	110
3.	National Capital TPP Unit 3	Ghaziabad	Central	210
4.	Dadri CCGT Unit 3 & 4	Ghaziabad	Central	262
Madhya Pradesh				
1.	Birsinghpur Thermal Project Unit 1	Pala	State	210

[English]

Flights of Indian Airlines delayed/ cancelled during December, 1991 and January, 1992

3180. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Indian Air-

lines delayed/cancelled during the months of December, 1991 and January, 1992; and

(b) the number of such flights delayed/ cancelled due to bad weather, technical snag and enemas leave by pilots respectively?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) While during the month of December, 1991, 2714 flights were delayed and